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IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

In re Application of: )

James Robert Adair, Jr. et al. )

Serial No. 09/954,443 )

Filed: September 17, 2001 )

For: Heat Seal Die and System and Method )  
For Portion Control Sized Packaging )

Art Unit: 3721

Examiner: Thanh K. Truong

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RESPONSE

Commissioner for Patents  
P.O. Box 1450  
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Sir:

Responsive to the Office Action mailed December 31, 2002, kindly enter the following amendments and consider the appended remarks. A Petition for a one-month extension of time in which to file this response is filed herewith along with the requisite fee.

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Commissioner for Patents, P.O. Box 1450, Alexandria, VA 22313-1450

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